

OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
STATE MANDATED COSTS CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2003-08
ABSENTEE BALLOTS
(COMMUNITY COLLEGES)

In accordance with Government Code Section (GC §) 17561, eligible claimants may submit claims to the State Controller's Office (SCO) for reimbursement of costs incurred for state mandated cost programs. The following are claiming instructions and forms that eligible claimants will use for the filing of claims for the Absentee Ballots (AB) program. These claiming instructions are issued subsequent to adoption of the program's parameters and guidelines (P's & G's) by the Commission on State Mandates (COSM).

On June 17, 1981, the Board of Control, predecessor agency to the COSM, determined that Elections Code Section 3003, as added by Chapter 77 Statutes of 1978, and Chapter 920, Statutes of 1994, established costs mandated by the State according to the provisions listed in the amended P's & G's.

Chapter 1032, Statutes of 2002 (AB 3005) required the COSM to amend the P's & G's to delete "community college districts," as defined by Government Code Section 17519, from the list of eligible claimants. Rather than billing community college districts for election services provided by the community college districts, the community college districts must file a claim directly with the SCO for reimbursement of these costs. For your reference, the P's & G's are included as an integral part of the claiming instructions.

Eligible Claimants

Any community college district, as defined in GC §17519, that has incurred increased costs as a direct result of administering their own election program, in compliance with Chapter 77, Statutes of 1978. Community college districts cannot claim reimbursement when the county election official administers a community college district's election.

Filing Deadlines

A. Reimbursement Claims

Beginning with the 2002-03 fiscal year, estimated claims may be filed with the SCO and be delivered or postmarked on or before **September 9, 2003** or an actual claim for the 2002-03 fiscal year may be filed by January 15, 2004, without a late penalty. Claims filed after the deadline will be reduced by a late penalty of 10%.

In order for a claim to be considered properly filed, it must include any specific supporting documentation requested in the instructions. **Claims filed more than one year after the deadline or without the requested supporting documentation will not be accepted.**

B. Estimated Claims

Unless otherwise specified in the claiming instructions, community college districts are not required to provide cost schedules and supporting documents with an estimated claim if the estimated amount does not exceed the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%. Claimants can simply enter the estimated amount on form FAM-27, line (07). However, if the estimated claim exceeds the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%, claimants must complete supplemental claim forms to support their estimated costs as specified for the program to explain the reason for the increased costs. If no explanation supporting the higher estimate is provided with the claim, it will automatically be adjusted to 110% of the previous fiscal year's actual costs. Future estimated claims filed with the SCO must be postmarked by January 15 of the fiscal year in which costs will be incurred. Claims filed timely will be paid before late claims.

Minimum Claim Cost

For initial claims and annual claims filed **on or after September 30, 2002**, if the total costs for a given year do not exceed **\$1,000**, no reimbursement shall be allowed except as otherwise allowed by GC § 17564.

Reimbursement of Claims

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities.

Reimbursement claims will only be reimbursed to the extent that expenditures can be supported. If such information is unavailable, claims will be reduced. In addition, ongoing reimbursement claims must be supported by documentation as evidence of the expenditures. Examples of documentation may include, but are not limited to, employee time records that identify mandate activities, payroll records, invoices, receipts, contracts, travel expense vouchers, purchase orders, and caseload statistics. Refer to Sections IV and V of the attached amended P's & G's.

Audit of Costs

All claims submitted to the SCO are reviewed to determine if costs are related to the mandate, are reasonable and not excessive, and if the claim was prepared in accordance with the P's & G's adopted by the COSM. If any adjustments are made to a claim, a "Notice of Claim Adjustment" specifying the claim component adjusted, the amount adjusted, and the reason for the adjustment, will be mailed within 30 days after payment of the claim.

On-site audits will be conducted by the SCO as deemed necessary. Pursuant to GC § 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a community college district is subject to audit by the State Controller no later than three years after the date the actual reimbursement claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds were appropriated or no payment was made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. Therefore, all documentation to support actual costs

claimed must be retained for the same period, and shall be made available to the SCO on request.

Retention of Claiming Instructions

The claiming instructions and forms in this package should be retained permanently in your Mandated Cost Manual for future reference and use in filing claims. These forms should be duplicated to meet your filing requirements. You will be notified of updated forms or changes to claiming instructions as necessary.

For your reference, these and future mandated costs claiming instructions and forms can be found on the Internet at **www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/locreim/index.shtml**.

Address for Filing Claims

Claims should be rounded to the nearest dollar. Submit a signed original and a copy of form FAM-27, Claim for Payment, and all other forms and supporting documents. **(To expedite the payment process, please sign the form in blue ink, and attach a copy of the form FAM-27 to the top of the claim package.)** Use the following mailing addresses:

If delivered by
U.S. Postal Service:

Office of the State Controller
Attn: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250

If delivered by
other delivery services:

Office of the State Controller
Attn: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
3301 C Street, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95816

PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES AMENDMENT

Elections Code Sections 3003 and 3024

Statutes 1978, Chapter 77
Statutes 2002, Chapter 1032

Absentee Ballots

I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

Elections Code section 3003, as added by Statutes 1978, chapter 77, and amended by Statutes 1994, chapter 920, requires that absentee ballots be available to any registered voter.¹ The Board of Control, predecessor agency to the Commission on State Mandates, determined at its hearing of June 17, 1981, that a reimbursable state mandate requiring an “increased level of service” exists in Statutes 1978, chapter 77. Under prior law, absentee ballots were provided only when the following conditions were met:

- a. illness,
- b. absence from precinct at day of election,
- c. physical handicap,
- d. conflicting religious commitments, or
- e. voter’s residence is more than ten miles from his polling place.

Elections Code section 3024, as added by Statutes 2002, chapter 1032² requires the Commission on State Mandates to amend these parameters and guidelines to “delete school districts, county boards of education, and community college districts from the list of eligible claimants.”

AB 3005 specifies that the cost to administer absentee ballots when issues and elective offices related to school districts, as defined by Government Code section 17519, are included on a ballot election with non-education issues and elective offices shall not be fully or partially prorated to a school district.

II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

“Local agencies,” as defined in Government Code section 17518, that have incurred increased costs as a direct result of this mandate are eligible to claim reimbursement of those costs.

“School districts,” as defined in Government Code section 17519, that have incurred increased costs as a direct result of administering their own election program are eligible to claim reimbursement of those costs. School districts cannot claim reimbursement when the county election official administers a school district election.

III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

Actual costs for one fiscal year should be included in each claim. Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable. Pursuant to Government

¹ Statutes 1994, chapter 920 only renumbered Elections Code section 3003.

² Assembly Bill No. 3005 (2001-2002 Reg. Sess.), hereafter referred to as AB 3005.

Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), all claims for reimbursement of initial years costs shall be submitted within 120 days of issuance of the claiming instructions by the State Controller.

For initial claims and annual claims filed prior to September 30, 2002, including amendments thereof, if the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$200, no reimbursement shall be allowed except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564. For initial claims and annual claims filed on or after September 30, 2002, if the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$1000, no reimbursement shall be allowed except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

A. Local Agencies

Government Code section 17557, prior to its amendment by Statutes 1998, chapter 681 (effective September 22, 1998) stated that a test claim must be submitted on or before December 31 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for that fiscal year.

Statutes 1978, chapter 77 became effective on January 1, 1979. The test claim was filed on January 2, 1981. Therefore, in accordance with Section 17557, as in effect on the date of the filing of the test claim, all costs incurred by local agencies in compliance with Statutes 1978, chapter 77 are eligible for reimbursement on or after July 1, 1980. The first claim submitted will report costs incurred from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981.

B. School Districts

California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1185.3, prior to its amendment (effective September 13, 1999), stated that a parameters and guidelines amendment filed after the initial claiming deadline must be submitted on or before November 30 following a fiscal year in order to establish eligibility for reimbursement for that fiscal year. An amendment was filed on August 25, 1997. Therefore, in accordance with Section 1185.3, as in effect on the date of the filing of the parameters and guidelines amendment, all costs incurred by school districts in compliance with Statutes 1978, chapter 77 are eligible for reimbursement on or after July 1, 1996 through September 27, 2002.

Effective September 13, 1999, California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2, states that a parameters and guidelines amendment filed after the initial claiming deadline must be submitted on or before January 15 following a fiscal year in order to establish eligibility for reimbursement for that fiscal year. This amendment, as required by AB 3005, was effective September 28, 2002. Therefore, only those costs incurred by school districts to administer their own election program in compliance with Statutes 1978, chapter 77 are eligible for reimbursement on or after September 28, 2002.

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the

event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct based upon personal knowledge." Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

For each eligible claimant, these parameters and guidelines shall provide reimbursement only for costs associated with the increase in absentee ballot filings, as determined under the formulas below.

A. Elections Done by the County Election Official and Billed to the Local Agency

Methods 1, 2 and 3, below, are intended for use where a local agency election is done by the county election official and billed to the local agency. When county election officials provide election services to other local agencies, the costs of those billed services pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law (Elections Code section 10500 et seq.) shall not be included in the county's reimbursement claim.

Method 1

This method applies when the county election official does all calculations and provides a billing that distinguishes the reimbursable amount and the non-reimbursable amount billed.

If the county election official determines the claimant's pro rata share of reimbursable costs and reports the pro rata share of these costs in a separate bill or as a line item on a bill, the claimant may claim the amount paid to the county for the reimbursable costs.

Method 2

This method assumes that the percentage increase in absentee ballots is uniform throughout the county, and uses the countywide figures to determine the percentage of reimbursable costs.

1. Obtain data from county election official on the number of reimbursable absentee ballots (n), the number of absentee ballots cast (z) for the fiscal year, and the amount billed to the local agency by the county for total absentee ballot costs.
2. Calculate the Reimbursable Cost Percentage

$$\frac{n}{z} \cdot 100 = \text{Reimbursable Cost Percentage (p)}$$

3. Calculate the Reimbursable Costs

$$\frac{p}{100} \cdot \text{amount billed by county} = \text{Amount of Reimbursable Costs}$$

Method 3

This method is more complex, and requires the local agency to have data on numbers of ballots and absentee ballots filed in the local agency area. It requires the collection of more data, which may or may not be readily available.

1. Base Year Calculation (remains the same for all fiscal years claimed)

w) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (w)

x) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (x)

2. Calculation for Fiscal Year Claimed (compute for each fiscal year claimed)

y) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (y)

z) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (z)

3. Formula for Calculating Number of Reimbursable Absentee Ballots Filed

$$z - \frac{(x \cdot y)}{w} = \text{Number of reimbursable absentee ballots (n)}$$

4. Calculation of Reimbursable Cost Percentage

$$\frac{n}{z} \cdot 100 = \text{Reimbursable Cost Percentage (p)}$$

5. Calculation of Reimbursable Costs

$$\frac{p}{100} \cdot \text{amount billed by county} = \text{Amount of Reimbursable Costs}$$

B. Local Agencies or School Districts that Administer their Own Elections

Method 4, below, is intended for use where local agencies and school districts do their own elections and thus have the information on both numbers of ballots and absentee ballots, as well as the per-ballot cost information needed for item 4.

Method 4

1. Base Year Calculation (remains the same for all fiscal years claimed)

w) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (w)

x) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area from January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1978 (x)

2. Calculation for Fiscal Year Claimed (compute for each claim)
 - y) Number of ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (y)
 - z) Number of absentee ballots cast in the district or local agency area in fiscal year claimed (z)

3. Formula for Calculating Number of Reimbursable Absentee Ballots Filed

$$z - \frac{(x \cdot y)}{w} = \text{Number of reimbursable absentee ballots (n)}$$

4. Calculation of Cost Per Absentee Ballot Filing (See section V. Claim Preparation and Submission)

- a. Material \$ _____
- b. Postage \$ _____
- c. Labor \$ _____
- d. Overhead \$ _____
- e. Cost per Absentee Ballot \$ _____
(a+b+c+d)

5. Computation of Reimbursement

- A. Number of reimbursable filings (Item 3)(n) _____
- B. Cost per Absentee Ballot filing (Item 4)(e) \$ _____
- Total Reimbursement (A • B) \$ _____

V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Each of the following cost elements must be identified for each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV, Reimbursable Activities, of this document. Each claimed reimbursable cost must be supported by source documentation as described in Section IV. Additionally, each reimbursement claim must be filed in a timely manner.

A. Direct Cost Reporting

Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. The following direct costs are eligible for reimbursement.

1. Salaries and Benefits

Report each employee implementing the reimbursable activities by name, job classification, and productive hourly rate (total wages and related benefits divided by productive hours). Describe the specific reimbursable activities performed and the hours devoted to each reimbursable activity performed.

2. Materials and Supplies

Report the cost of materials and supplies that have been consumed or expended for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged on an appropriate and recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contracted Services

Report the name of the contractor and services performed to implement the reimbursable activities. Attach a copy of the contract to the claim. If the contractor bills for time and materials, report the number of hours spent on the activities and all costs charged. If the contract is a fixed price, report the dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services.

4. Fixed Assets and Equipment

Report the purchase price paid for fixed assets and equipment (including computers) necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. The purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the fixed asset or equipment is also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the purchase price used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

5. Travel

Report the name of the employee traveling for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Include the date of travel, destination point, the specific reimbursable activity requiring travel, and related travel expenses reimbursed to the employee in compliance with the rules of the local jurisdiction. Report employee travel time according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, for each applicable reimbursable activity.

B. Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect costs are costs that are incurred for a common or joint purpose, benefiting more than one program, and are not directly assignable to a particular department or program without efforts disproportionate to the result achieved. Indirect costs may include both (1) overhead costs of the unit performing the mandate; and (2) the costs of the central government services distributed to the other departments based on a systematic and rational basis through a cost allocation plan.

Local Agencies

Compensation for indirect costs is eligible for reimbursement utilizing the procedure provided in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87. Claimants have the option of using 10% of direct labor, excluding fringe benefits, or preparing an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) if the indirect cost rate claimed exceeds 10%.

If the claimant chooses to prepare an ICRP, both the direct costs (as defined and described in OMB Circular A-87 Attachments A and B) and the indirect costs shall exclude capital expenditures and unallowable costs (as defined and described in OMB A-87 Attachments A and

B). However, unallowable costs must be included in the direct costs if they represent activities to which indirect costs are properly allocable.

The distribution base may be (1) total direct costs (excluding capital expenditures and other distorting items, such as pass-through funds, major subcontracts, etc.), (2) direct salaries and wages, or (3) another base which results in an equitable distribution.

In calculating an ICRP, the Claimant shall have the choice of one of the following methodologies:

1. The allocation of allowable indirect costs (as defined and described in OMB Circular A-87 Attachments A and B) shall be accomplished by (1) classifying a department's total costs for the base period as either direct or indirect, and (2) dividing the total allowable indirect costs (net of applicable credits) by an equitable distribution base. The result of this process is an indirect cost rate which is used to distribute indirect costs to mandates. The rate should be expressed as a percentage which the total amount allowable indirect costs bears to the base selected; or
2. The allocation of allowable indirect costs (as defined and described in OMB Circular A-87 Attachments A and B) shall be accomplished by (1) separating a department into groups, such as divisions or sections, and then classifying the division's or section's total costs for the base period as either direct or indirect, and (2) dividing the total allowable indirect costs (net of applicable credits) by an equitable distribution base. The result of this process is an indirect cost rate that is used to distribute indirect costs to mandates. The rate should be expressed as a percentage which the total amount allowable indirect costs bears to the base selected.

School Districts

School districts must use the J-380 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the California Department of Education.

County offices of education must use the J-580 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the California Department of Education.

Community colleges have the option of using: (1) a federally approved rate, utilizing the cost accounting principles from the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles of Educational Institutions"; (2) the rate calculated on State Controller's Form FAM-29C; or (3) a 7% indirect cost rate.

VI. RECORD RETENTION

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter³ is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment

³ This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

of the claim. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described in Section IV, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

VII. OFFSETTING SAVINGS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate from any source, including but not limited to, services fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds, shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

VIII. STATE CONTROLLER'S CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558, subdivision (b), the Controller shall issue claiming instructions for each mandate that requires state reimbursement not later than 60 days after receiving the adopted parameters and guidelines from the Commission, to assist local agencies and school districts in claiming costs to be reimbursed. The claiming instructions shall be derived from the statute or executive order creating the mandate and the parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), issuance of the claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file reimbursement claims, based upon parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

IX. REMEDIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Upon request of a local agency or school district, the Commission shall review the claiming instructions issued by the State Controller or any other authorized state agency for reimbursement of mandated costs pursuant to Government Code section 17571. If the Commission determines that the claiming instructions do not conform to the parameters and guidelines, the Commission shall direct the Controller to modify the claiming instructions and the Controller shall modify the claiming instructions to conform to the parameters and guidelines as directed by the Commission.

In addition, requests may be made to amend parameters and guidelines pursuant to Government Code section 17557, subdivision (a), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT Pursuant to Government Code Section 17561 ABSENTEE BALLOTS			For State Controller Use Only		Program 231	
(01) Claimant Identification Number			(19) Program Number 00231			
(02) Claimant Name			(20) Date Filed ____/____/____			
County of Location			(21) LRS Input ____/____/____			
Street Address or P.O. Box Suite			(22) AB-1, (03)(a)			
City State Zip Code			(23) AB-1, (03)(b)			
			(24) AB-1, (03)(c)			
			(25) AB-1, (03)(d)			
Type of Claim		Estimated Claim		Reimbursement Claim		
		(03) Estimated <input type="checkbox"/>		(09) Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/>		(26) AB-1, (05)(e)
		(04) Combined <input type="checkbox"/>		(10) Combined <input type="checkbox"/>		(27) AB-1, (06)
		(05) Amended <input type="checkbox"/>		(11) Amended <input type="checkbox"/>		(28) AB-1, (07)
						(29) AB-1, (08)
Fiscal Year of Cost		(06) 20__ / 20__		(12) 20__/20__		(30) AB-1, (09)
Total Claimed Amount		(07)		(13)		(31) AB-1, (10)
Less: 10% Late Penalty, not to exceed \$1,000				(14)		(32) AB-1, (11)
Less: Prior Claim Payment Received				(15)		(33) AB-1, (12)
Net Claimed Amount				(16)		(34) AB-1, (13)
Due from State		(08)		(17)		(35)
Due to State				(18)		(36)
(37) CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM <p>In accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 17561, I certify that I am the officer authorized by the community college district to file mandated cost claims with the State of California for this program, and certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the provisions of Government Code Sections 1090 to 1098, inclusive.</p> <p>I further certify that there was no application other than from the claimant, nor any grant or payment received, for reimbursement of costs claimed herein, and such costs are for a new program or increased level of services of an existing program. All offsetting savings and reimbursements set forth in the Parameters and Guidelines are identified, and all costs claimed are supported by source documentation currently maintained by the claimant.</p> <p>The amounts for this Estimated Claim and/or Reimbursement Claim are hereby claimed from the State for payment of estimated and/or actual costs set forth on the attached statements. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>Signature of Authorized Officer</p> <p>_____</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> <p>Date</p> <p>_____</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>Type or Print Name</p> <p>(38) Name of Contact Person for Claim</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> <p>Title</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Telephone Number () - Ext.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>E-Mail Address</p> </div> </div>						

Program 231	ABSENTEE BALLOTS Certification Claim Form Instructions	FORM FAM-27
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- (01) Enter the payee number assigned by the State Controller's Office.
- (02) Enter your Official Name, County of Location, Street or P. O. Box address, City, State, and Zip Code.
- (03) If filing an estimated claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (03) Estimated.
- (04) Leave blank.
- (05) If filing an amended estimated claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (05) Amended.
- (06) Enter the fiscal year in which costs are to be incurred.
- (07) Enter the amount of the estimated claim. If the estimate exceeds the previous year's actual costs by more than 10%, complete form AB-1 and enter the amount from line (09).
- (08) Enter the same amount as shown on line (07).
- (09) If filing a reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (09) Reimbursement.
- (10) If filing a combined reimbursement claim on behalf of districts within the county, enter an "X" in the box on line (10) Combined.
- (11) If filing an amended reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (11) Amended.
- (12) Enter the fiscal year for which actual costs are being claimed. If actual costs for more than one fiscal year are being claimed, complete a separate form FAM-27 for each fiscal year.
- (13) Enter the amount of the reimbursement claim from form AB-1, line (09). The total claimed amount should exceed \$1,000.
- (14) Reimbursement claims must be filed by January 15 of the following fiscal year in which costs were incurred or the claims shall be reduced by a late penalty. Enter zero if the claim was timely filed, otherwise, enter the product of multiplying line (13) by the factor 0.10 (10% penalty), not to exceed \$1,000.
- (15) If filing an actual reimbursement claim and an estimated claim was previously filed for the same fiscal year, enter the amount received for the claim. Otherwise, enter a zero.
- (16) Enter the result of subtracting line (14) and line (15) from line (13).
- (17) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is positive, enter that amount on line (17), Due from State.
- (18) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is negative, enter that amount on line (18), Due to State.
- (19) to (21) Leave blank.
- (22) to (36) Reimbursement Claim Data. Bring forward the cost information as specified on the left-hand column of lines (22) through (36) for the reimbursement claim, e.g. AB-1.2, (03)(a) means the information is located on form AB-1.2, block (03), line (a). Enter the information on the same line but in the right-hand column. Cost information should be rounded to the nearest dollar, i.e., no cents. Indirect costs percentage should be shown as a whole number and without the percent symbol, i.e., 7.548% should be shown as 8. **Completion of this data block will expedite the payment process.**
- (37) Read the statement "Certification of Claim." If it is true, the claim must be dated, signed by the agency's authorized officer, and must include the person's name and title, typed or printed. **Claims cannot be paid unless accompanied by an original signed certification. (To expedite the payment process, please sign the form FAM-27 with blue ink, and attach a copy of the form FAM-27 to the top of the claim package.)**
- (38) Enter the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person to contact if additional information is required.

Claims should be rounded to the nearest dollar. Submit a signed original and a copy of form FAM-27, Claim for Payment, and all other forms and supporting documents. **(To expedite the payment process, please sign the form in blue ink, and attach a copy of the form FAM-27 to the top of the claim package.)** Use the following mailing addresses:

Address, if delivered by U.S. Postal Service:

**OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
 ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section
 Division of Accounting and Reporting
 P.O. Box 942850
 Sacramento, CA 94250**

Address, if delivered by other delivery service:

**OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
 ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section
 Division of Accounting and Reporting
 3301 C Street, Suite 500
 Sacramento, CA 95816**

Program <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">231</div>	MANDATED COSTS ABSENTEE BALLOTS CLAIM SUMMARY	FORM AB-1
(01) Claimant	(02) Type of Claim Fiscal Year Reimbursement <input type="text"/> Estimated <input type="text"/> 20__/20__	
Method 4 This method requires the school district to have data on the number of ballots and absentee ballots filed.		
(03) (a) Number of ballots cast from 01/01/75 through 12/30/78		
(b) Number of absentee ballots cast from 01/01/75 through 12/30/78		
(c) Number of ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim		
(d) Number of absentee ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim		
Direct Costs	Object Accounts	
(04) Total Cost of Absentee Ballots in the Fiscal Year of Claim	(a) Salaries and Benefits	(b) Services and Supplies
	(c) Travel and Training	(d) Fixed Assets
	(e) Total	
(05) Total Direct Costs		
Indirect Costs		
(06) Indirect Cost Rate	[Federally approved OMB A-21, FAM-29C, or 7%]	%
(07) Total Indirect Costs	[Line (06) x line (05)(a)]	
(08) Total Cost of Absentee Ballots in the Fiscal Year of Claim	[Line (05)(e) + line (07)]	
(09) Number of Reimbursable Absentee Ballots Filed	[Line (03)(d) - {line (03)(b) x line (03)(c) ÷ line (03)(a)}]	
(10) Amount Billed by the County (attach billing statement)		
(11) Increased Costs	[Line (10) x {line (09) ÷ line (03)(d)}]	
Cost Reduction		
(12) Less: Offsetting Savings		
(13) Less: Other Reimbursements		
(14) Total Claimed Amount	[Line (11) – {line (12) + line (13)}]	

Program 231	ABSENTEE BALLOTS CLAIM SUMMARY Instructions	FORM AB-1
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- (01) Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Type of Claim. Check a box, Reimbursement or Estimated, to identify the type of claim being filed. Enter the fiscal year for which costs were incurred or are to be incurred.
Form AB-1 must be filed for a reimbursement claim. Do not complete form AB-1 if you are filing an estimated claim and the estimate does not exceed the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%. Simply enter the amount of the estimated claim on form FAM-27, line (07). However, if the estimated claim exceeds the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%, form AB-1 must be completed and a statement attached explaining the increased costs. Without this information the estimated claim will automatically be reduced to 110% of the previous fiscal year's actual costs.
- (03) (a) Enter the number of ballots cast from January 1, 1975, through December 30, 1978.
(b) Enter the number of absentee ballots cast from January 1, 1975, through December 30, 1978.
(c) Enter the number of ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim.
(d) Enter the number of absentee ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim.
- (04) Enter the total costs from form AB-2, line (05), columns (d), through (g) to form AB-1, block (04), columns (a), through (d) in the appropriate row. Total the row.
- (05) Enter the total for each row.
- (06) Community college districts may use the federally approved OMBA-21 rate, the rate computed using form FAM 29C, or a 7% indirect cost rate, for the fiscal year of costs.
- (07) Enter the result of multiplying Total Direct Costs, line (05)(e), by the Indirect Cost Rate, line (06).
- (08) Enter the sum of Total Direct Costs, line (05)(e), and Total Indirect Costs, line (07).
- (09) To determine the number of additional absentee ballot filings that are reimbursable, multiply the number of absentee ballots cast from 01/01/75 to 12/30/78, line (03)(b), by the number of ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim, line (03)(c). Divide that product by the number of ballots cast from 01/01/75 to 12/30/78, line (03)(a). Subtract the quotient from the number of ballots cast in the fiscal year of claim, line (03)(d). Enter the difference as the number of additional ballot filings.
- (10) Enter the amount that was billed to the community college district by the county.
- (11) Enter the product of multiplying line (10) by the quotient from dividing line (09) by line (03)(d).
- (12) If applicable, enter the total savings experienced by the claimant as a direct result of this mandate. Submit a detailed schedule of savings with the claim.
- (13) If applicable, enter the amount of other reimbursements received from any source including, but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds, which reimbursed any portion of the mandated cost program. Submit a schedule detailing the reimbursement sources and amounts.
- (14) Subtract the sum of Offsetting Savings, line (12), and Other Reimbursements, line (13), from Increased Costs, line (11). Enter the remainder on this line and carry the amount forward to form FAM-27, line (07) for the Estimated Claim or line (13) for the Reimbursement Claim.

Program 231	MANDATED COSTS ABSENTEE BALLOTS COMPONENT/ACTIVITY COST DETAIL					FORM AB-2
(01) Claimant			(02) Fiscal Year Costs Were Incurred			
(03) Reimbursable Component: Total Cost of Absentee Ballots in the Fiscal Year of Claim						
(04) Description of Expenses: Complete columns (a) through (g).			Object Accounts			
(a) Employee Names, Job Classifications, Functions Performed, and Description of Expenses	(b) Hourly Rate or Unit Cost	(c) Hours Worked or Quantity	(d) Salaries and Benefits	(e) Services and Supplies	(f) Travel and Training	(g) Fixed Assets
(05) Total <input type="text"/> Subtotal <input type="text"/> Page: ____ of ____						

Program 231	ABSENTEE BALLOTS COMPONENT/ACTIVITY COST DETAIL Instructions	FORM AB-2
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- (01) Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Enter the fiscal year for which costs were incurred.
- (03) Reimbursable Components. Check the box which indicates the cost component being claimed. Check only one box per form. A separate form AB-2 shall be prepared for each applicable component.
- (04) Description of Expenses. The following table identifies the type of information required to support reimbursable costs. To detail costs for the component activity box "checked" in block (03), enter the employee names, position titles, a brief description of the activities performed, actual time spent by each employee, productive hourly rates, fringe benefits, supplies used, contract services, etc. Contract services are reimbursable to the extent that the activities performed require special skill or knowledge that are not readily available from the claimant's staff. If a piece of equipment acquired for the Absentee Ballots program is also utilized for other programs, only a prorated cost of the equipment is reimbursable. **The descriptions required in column (4)(a) must be of sufficient detail to explain the cost of activities or items being claimed.** For audit purposes, all supporting documents must be retained by the claimant for a period of not less than three years after the date the claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. If no funds were appropriated and no payment was made at the time the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall be three years from the date of initial payment of the claim. Such documents shall be made available to the State Controller's Office on request.

Object/ Sub object Accounts	Columns							Submit supporting documents with the claim
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
Salaries and Benefits	Salaries	Employee Name/Title	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked	Salaries = Hourly Rate x Hours Worked			
	Benefits	Activities Performed	Benefit Rate		Benefits = Benefit Rate x Salaries			
Services and Supplies	Supplies	Description of Supplies Used	Unit Cost	Quantity Used	Cost = Unit Cost x Quantity Used			
	Contract Services	Name of Contractor Specific Tasks Performed	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked Inclusive Dates of Service	Cost = Hourly Rate x Hours Worked or Total Contract			Copy of Contract and Invoices
Travel and Training	Travel	Purpose of Trip Name and Title Departure and Return Date	Per Diem Rate Mileage Rate Travel Cost	Days Miles Travel Mode		Cost = Rate x Days or Miles or Total Travel Cost		
	Training	Employee Name/Title Name of Class		Dates Attended		Registration Fee		
Fixed Assets		Description of Equipment Purchased		Unit Cost			Cost = Unit Cost x Usage	

- (05) Total line (04), columns (d) through (g) and enter the sum on this line. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the amount is a total or subtotal. If more than one form is needed to detail the component/activity costs, number each page. Enter totals from line (05), columns (d) through (g) to form AB-1, block (04), columns (a) through (d) in the appropriate row.